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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Steinborn ORIGINAL DATE 2/7/2007
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 418
SHORT TITLE NMSU Educational TV Services SB _____
ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$80.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 135, SB 134, and HB 417.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico State University – KRWG
Higher Education Department (HED)
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 418 appropriates \$80,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Regents for expenditure in FY 2008 to expand NMSU educational television services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$80,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico State University requested this funding to help ensure that KRWG is able to function in an ever-increasing competitive environment. The appropriation will allow KRWG to maintain a strong local presence that allows the facility to operate as the only broadcast television specifically serving Southern New Mexico. Providing the requested funds will help ensure that news and public affairs programming and information will be available to these communities.

This request was submitted by NMSU to the HED for review as additional funding of \$80,000. The Department's funding recommendation for FY08 is a continuance of FY07 recurring funding of \$1,208,600, with no additional funding at this time.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 135 (Expand NMSU Educational TV Services) also appropriates \$80,000 to NMSU for the same purpose but is technically not a duplicate of HB 418 (NMSU Educational TV Services) because of the differences in titles.

Senate Bill 134/HB 417 appropriate \$470,000 from the General Fund to NMSU to expand radio and television local programming.

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